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The Barton County Poultry Show Will Continue All Week--You Will Never See A Finer Display of Poultry.

MAKES LONG AUTO TRIP.

Gotlieb Ernsting Observes Conditions in Barton and Adjoining Counties.

Gotlieb Ernsting of Comanche township, made an automobile trip last week through a good portion of Barton, Stafford, Rush and Rice counties, and observed conditions pretty closely. He says that west of here the farmers have been selling off the most of their old cattle, and have only the young stuff left, and that it is his opinion that on the majority of the farms there is but very little stuff left to raise calves with for the next two years, and he looks for a big demand for breeding stuff by next spring. When the dry spell came on last summer people rushed the most of their cattle onto the market and the result has been that about all that can be seen now is real young stuff, and there is going to be a big shortage for some years to come.

Wheat is looking fine in the territory visited by Mr. Ernsting, and if nothing unforeseen happens he predicts the biggest crop in the history of Barton county.

Another thing Mr. Ernsting was particular to observe closely was the condition of the roads, and he remarked that if we were going to say anything about this feature, we might as well tell the truth. The best roads he found on the trip were between Bison and McCracken. In Barton county the most of the roads were in pretty good shape except in Great Bend township from Walnut Creek to town, those in the town and also some of the roads west of town. Gotlieb says the numerous good roads meetings held here are all right and he is heartily in favor of them, and they are all right as far as they go, but that "Falt without works is dead," and he has yet to see the piece of good road constructed solely with hot air. If the town men would see that the streets are fixed up in half as good shape as they want the farmers to fix the rural roads, and if the fellows who talk good roads the loudest would expend some of the energy in real work, a whole lot more good would be accomplished than is being done at the present time, and we have a sort of foolish idea that Mr. Ernsting is just about eleven-tenths right in the matter.

Charles Radenberg, trustee of Independent township, was here on Monday looking after some matters of business at the court house and visiting with friends. He reports a good rain over in his vicinity Friday night and Saturday.

Miss Helen Dawson, who came home from Lawrence to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dawson, left for Hutchinson Monday evening for a short visit with friends before returning to her studies at K. U.

AND THEN IT RAINED.

The rain of the past week has put a smile onto the face of the farmer, the business man and the laborer alike. Starting early last Saturday morning, the moisture has continued falling for the greater part of the time since. Not a downpour at any time, but a steady drizzle that has soaked right into all the fields instead of running off into the low places, and as a result the subsoil is soaked up better than at any time for the last four years.

About everyone agrees that there never was a finer stand of wheat all over the country than there is this fall, and with the ground in the fine condition that it now is, the chances for a good big crop next year were never better.

HENRY ERTZICK.

Henry Ertzick, an old time resident of Stafford county but of late years a resident of this county, passed to the Great Beyond Sunday evening, November 30, about 7:30 at his home in Ellinwood, Kansas.

Mr. Ertzick was born in Beresfeld, Westphalia, Germany, in 1855. With his parents he came to America in 1866 and settled in Quincy, Ills. In 1887 he came to Stafford county, Kansas and settled on the farm where he resided until the year 1909 when he moved to Ellinwood.

He was a member of the German Militair Verein, having served time in the German Army before coming to America, and joined their organization here and was a member until the last bugle called him to eternal freedom, where wars and rumors of wars are unknown.

He had undergone an operation in Hutchinson some time ago for relief from a complication of diseases, but had never recovered his health, and his death had been expected for some little time. He was a good citizen and always had the welfare of the community at heart, and was beloved by all who knew him. He was always a booster for everything he thought was right, and as long as he lived in Ellinwood was in favor of all improvements for the welfare of the town, and never did he put in an objection to any proposed improvement, and the citizens of Ellinwood will greatly miss him.

He leaves a wife and one son, Fred Ertzick, of Hudson, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Otto Flege, of Ellinwood, to mourn his death.

Funeral services were held from the Evangelical church in Ellinwood Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the German Militair Verein.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, of Lawrence, spent Thanksgiving in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kopke and other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Luse, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Luse and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Luse accompanied them home Friday for a short visit.

PROGRAM--BARTON COUNTY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

To Be Held In The West School Building, Holsington, Kans., Dec. 13th.

MORNING SESSION 10:30 A. M.

Reading Circle Work, "Country Life and The Country School," Chapters 6, 7 and 8--Prof. H. E. Powers, Leader.

Current Events--Mildred Coughlin.

Business.

GENERAL SESSION 1:30 P. M.

Entertainment Program--Arranged by Prof. Rankin and Miss Blevins. Lecture--Prof. E. B. Mathew, Western State Normal, Hays, Kansas. Report of the State Teachers' Meeting, "The New Constitution and What It Should Mean To Kansas Teachers"--Supt. A. F. Senter. Selection by the Girls' Glee Club of the Great Bend High School.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUND TABLE.

Prof. F. H. Barber, Chairman.

General Discussions, participated in by Prof. W. H. Johnson, State High School Visitor.

Social Equipment of the Modern High School Teacher--Mamie Helm. Common Mistakes of New Teachers--Supt. R. Rankin, Holsington.

Supervision of Class Work, What Kind and How Much--Caroline Meisenbach, Ellinwood.

GRADED SCHOOL ROUND TABLE.

Grace Mathewson, Chairman.

Model Third Reader Class--Eva McCauley, Holsington.

Teaching Writing--Clara Miller, Great Bend.

Presentation of Classics--Grace O'Neil, Holsington.

Report From State Meeting--E. Mabel Taylor, Ellinwood.

PRIMARY ROUND TABLE.

Mattie Pruitt, Chairman.

Teaching Beginners to Write--Edna Hemenway, Holsington.

Second Grade Spelling--Nellie Cheney, Great Bend.

Story Telling for Primary Grades--Edith Rush, Great Bend.

General Discussions.

RURAL SCHOOL ROUND TABLE.

Jennie B. Momyer, Chairman.

Primary Numbers--Mattie Cheney, Great Bend.

How to Interest a Class of One Pupil--Ralph Younk, Rist. 43.

Fourth Grade Language--Rebecca Laird, Dist. 81.

Busy Work Exchange--Each teacher is invited to give a description of the Busy Work he has found most profitable, showing a sample of same if possible.

Practical Occupation Work--Writing. Teachers are to bring samples of Writing from their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, grade pupils for display and comparison. Let us have sample sheets from every school represented.

GOOD WRESTLING MATCH.

The wrestling match in the Moses hall last Friday night between Blaker, the Nebraska man, and Severson, of McPherson, was won by the former in straight falls, the time of the first fall being twelve and a half minutes, and the second time a half. Severson appeared to have plenty of skill and strength but seemed to be out of condition, and did not have the wind to go the strenuous pace set by his opponent. Some of the men here who are interested in the sport are planning on pulling off some good matches here this winter, and if you have the red blood in your veins to enjoy the sport it will pay you to keep posted on when the matches are to be pulled off.

Mrs. Harry Turck and youngest son were here from Ellinwood to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dawson and family. Both Mr. Turck and the elder son were both on the sick list that day, and consequently missed out on the annual event.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

A union meeting of the various church organizations of the city was held in the Congregational church last Sunday evening for the purpose of hearing a discussion of the Public Welfare Association. D. C. Lane, O. W. Dawson, the pastors of the different churches and others made short talks, tellings of the aims of the association, and soliciting the co-operation of everyone who was desirous of joining in the movement for the betterment of the unfortunate of the community. The dues of the association are \$1 per year and \$20 pays for a life membership and surely no man or woman of the city can expend a dollar in a better cause than this. At the meeting Sunday evening over one hundred people signified their intention of joining by giving in their names, and the membership should, and we believe will, reach the five hundred mark before the campaign closes.

Headquarters have already been opened in the city building where donations of fuel, clothing, food or cash will be received and distributed in homes where such may be the most sorely needed, and there is no doubt but that the association will accomplish a much greater amount of good than could any number of people who worked individually toward the same end.

If you desire to be of real service to your fellow man, if you want to be of assistance to the man not one of the chronic beggars but is temporarily down on his luck, if you want your dollar to buy more clothes and food and fuel for his family than it possibly could in any other way, if you want him to receive this charity in a way which will help him to maintain his independence and self respect and with the spirit that this old world is not such a bad place after all, if you want a part of this dollar to go towards securing employment for him so that he will be enabled to help himself--insure that you are just mercenary enough to want the biggest worth for your dollar that you ever secured in your whole life, then try investing that said dollar in a membership in the Public Welfare Association. You'll get full worth for every penny of it a dozen times over every year.

Jack Johnson has been over from Holsington this week looking after matters in connection with the picture show which he will open soon in the Wolf building on Main street, which was formerly occupied by the Newport barber shop and pool hall. The building is being remodeled and fixed up this week, and the promoters expect to be ready for business in about ten days.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

If you have not yet attended the Barton County Poultry Show, which has been in session in the Hume building all week and will continue until Saturday evening, you have passed up a good thing, and in order to get right with yourself you should attend before its close. It is one of the very best shows that has ever been held in this or any other county in the state, and in point of quality would rank well with state exhibits. There are over 400 birds in the show, besides a number of rabbits and other pets. Judge Atherton of Emporia, who is judging the birds, says they have the finest lot of fowls here he has seen in a long time. About all the local fanciers of this county have good showings and there are a large number of entries from different points in the state. The price of admission is only 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children, and it is worth more than this price to see some of the single pens on exhibition. You are missing a good thing if you fail to attend. The award list will be published in next week's issue.

DR. SKINNER LEAVES.

Dr. J. O. Skinner, who has been one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this part of the state for the past three years, together with his family, left Friday night for Kansas City for a visit of a few weeks with relatives and friends, and where the family will remain while the Dr. goes to Europe where he will study and practice for a year in one of the leading medical and surgical schools of the world, after which he will probably reengage in practice in Kansas City, where he was located before coming to Great Bend. During his stay here Dr. Skinner had built up a deservedly large and lucrative practice, and he and his estimable wife had made many warm friends who will sincerely regret their removal from among us, but wish for them the best of success and happiness wherever they may locate.

Dr. P. H. Owens, who succeeds Dr. Skinner, comes most highly recommended as a physician and surgeon, and is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet and know, and he will no doubt retain and add to the high standing in the profession enjoyed by his predecessor.

WORKMEN ATTENTION.

On Saturday evening, the 6th inst., occurs our election of officers and every Workman is aware that it is his duty to be present and assist in putting good men at the head of our order. In addition to the election there will be a "Smoker", and you all know what you miss if you fail to attend one of these functions. After we initiate that class of ladies--but let us not anticipate. Come out Saturday night and help to arrange for some jolly times during the winter months.

MASTER WORKMAN.

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

J. C. Meyers, of the Democrat office, is in receipt of a copy of the Waverly Democrat, of Waverly, Iowa, his old home town and where most of his relatives live at the present time. The issue, which is of November 20th., contains a long account of the erection and dedication of a fine new \$35,000 church at Waverly and gives much interesting history of the founders of the old church which was torn down to make room for the new edifice.

The old church building was completed in 1868 and represented a cost of \$6,000, and was considered a wonderful structure in those days. The priest in charge at that time was a Father Shields, who died there in 1870 and was buried in the churchyard, where the remains rested until October 8, 1913, when they were removed to the Catholic cemetery. The notable incident in connection with this was that the six men who acted as pallbearers at the funeral of Father Shields forty three years ago, served in the same capacity at the time of the removal of the remains to the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hayes and family were down from the ranch near Burdette to spend Thanksgiving with relatives and friends here.

Miss Anna Yost underwent an operation at the St. Rose hospital on Monday for gall stones, and is said to be getting along in fine shape now and recovering rapidly.

OLD FIRM QUILTS.

Mangeledorf Firm in Business in Barton County Since 1877.

After being one of the solid and leading business firms of Barton county for the past thirty-six years, during all of which time they have conducted a general store in Ellinwood, and also for some years conducted in connection a large store at Bushton, the firm last Saturday closed their business interests in this county and the unsold goods have been shipped to Pueblo where Mr. Mangeledorf is opening a large dry goods and ladies furnishings establishment. The firm of Mangeledorf was one of the oldest in Barton county being established in 1877 by Wm. and August Mangeledorf and in 1887 the business was incorporated under the name of the Mangeledorf Bros. Co. For the past ten or more years the business has been under the charge of the younger Wm. Mangeledorf and H. C. Back, the former having charge of the dry goods and clothing departments and the latter the grocery and general department. In January, 1911, the firm was re-organized as a simple partnership by Messrs. Back and Mangeledorf and has since been known as the Back & Mangeledorf store, until a few months ago when Mr. Mangeledorf decided to seek a location in a larger city, and in the division of the business Mr. Back retained the building and the grocery department and Mr. Mangeledorf the clothing and dry goods stocks, and has since been disposing of the same, closing out the business Saturday while Mr. Back will continue his business as heretofore.

About five years ago the building which had been used by the firm for a number of years was destroyed by fire, together with a large portion of the stock, but was immediately replaced by the model store building which the firm has occupied since. The firm of Back & Mangeledorf was one of the strongest in the state and carried an enormous stock of the best grades of goods, and their hundreds of loyal customers in Barton, Stafford and Rice counties will sincerely regret that Mr. Mangeledorf has decided to leave Ellinwood for good, and especially is this true of the older settlers of that community many of whom have been patrons of the firm since it was first established. Like the other merchants of that prosperous city, the Mangeledorf firm had built up their extensive business by handling good goods and according every customer fair and square treatment, and to some of the old timers of Ellinwood it will seem like one of the family is missing to have the old firm gone.

NEW W. O. W. OFFICERS.

The W. O. W. lodge enjoyed one of the best meetings of the year on Tuesday evening, an extra large crowd being out on account of the election of officers for the coming year. The following were elected: Consul Commander--Riley Garrett. Clerk--O. E. Marshall.

Adviser Lieutenant--Will Springs, born. Banker--Ed Chapman.

Escort--C. C. Lewis. Watchman--Ora Sowle. Sentinel--Charles Carroll.

Dr. L. D. Lewis was elected as one of the board of managers for three-year term and Dr. Russell was elected as medical examiner.

The lodge has made a fine growth during the past year, due largely to the efficiency and zeal of the old officers, and they were heartily congratulated on their faithful and efficient work.

The state association of the W. O. W. is going to establish a state home somewhere in Kansas during the next few months and the local lodge is going to put forth a big effort to see that it is located here. It would be a big thing for the town and the citizens generally should get behind the movement and assist the local lodge in every way possible.

Miss Callista Chaffee, who has been here from New York for several months past on a visit with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Chaffee, of the south side, returned to her home this week.

John Herter and mother, Mrs. Marie Herter, of Comanche township, and D. C. Johnson, of Ellinwood, were in the city Saturday looking after some matters of business in the probate court.

THE TACTFUL SEASON IS HERE



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Three Weeks to Christmas.